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Claim(s) discussed: _Claim 7_.

Identification of prior art discussed: _Thai_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached. g)☐ was not reached. h)☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _Applicant's representative explained the proposed amendments with respect to the novelty of the invention. The examiners concluded that the Thai reference does not appear to teach the proposed amendment; however reserve the right to further review the reference. The examiners suggested to remove the commas appearing before and after both the words "primary" and "background" for clarity_ .

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Interview Agenda attached.

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Agenda and Proposed Amendments

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Agenda

-Discuss Claim Objections

-Discuss 101 Rejections

-Discuss 102 Rejections based upon Thai, in view of proposed amendment to claim 7

Proposed Amendments

7. (Currently Amended) A method for executing a query that evaluates one or more records of a table according to predetermined selection criteria, comprising the steps of:

initializing a bitmap having a plurality of elements, wherein each element of the bitmap corresponds corresponding to a record of the table, and each element is initialized to an active value;

running a first, primary, task that individually retrieves each of the one or more records from storage according to whether the corresponding element of the bitmap has an active value;

running, concurrently with the first task, a second, background, task that is associated with the same query as the first task and that updates the bitmap by setting to an inactive value the respective element of the bitmap corresponding to any record that does not satisfy at least a portion of the selection criteria, wherein the first and second tasks are associated with the same query including:

scanning a column of the table using an index built over the column, wherein the portion of the selection criteria relates to record values within the column;

determining a set of records whose record values within the column do not satisfy the portion of the selection criteria; and

concurrently with the first task individually retrieving records from storage having correspoding active-value bitmap elements, changing the respective corresponding bitmap element to an inactive value for each record within the set of records; and

continuing to run the first task until all records from the table, having a corresponding active-value bitmap element, have been retrieved from storage, including accessing the bitmap in the first task before at least one element is set to an inactive value by the second task to determine whether to retrieve a record from storage;

wherein the first task accesses the bitmap before at least one element is set to an inactive value by the second task to determine whether to retrieve a record from storage.